

Kundal Shahi language

Kundal Shahi is a Dardic language spoken by about 700 people in the Kundal Shahi village of Neelam Valley in Azad Kashmir, Pakistan. It is an endangered language and its speakers are shifting to Hindko.

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Phonology

The following tables set out the phonology of Kundal Shahi.^[3]


Vowels

Kundal Shahi is unusual amongst Dardic languages in that it has front rounded vowels.^[4]

	Front		Central	Back
	unrounded	rounded	unrounded	rounded
<u>Close</u>	i iː	y yː		u uː
<u>Close-Mid</u>	e eː	ø ː	ə	o oː
<u>Open-Mid</u>	ɛ ɛː		ʌ	ɔ ɔː
<u>Open</u>			a aː	

Consonants

Like Kashmiri, Kundal Shahi is unusual amongst Dardic languages in that it lacks retroflex fricatives and affricates.^[4]

Kundal Shahi	
کنڈل شاہی	
Native to	Pakistan
Region	Neelam Valley
Native speakers	700 (2005) ^[1]
Language family	Indo-European <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Aryan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dardic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kundal Shahi
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	shd
Glottolog	kund1257 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kund1257) ^[2]
	
	
Coordinates: 34.5548°N 73.8439°E	

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ɳ		(ŋ)	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p	t	ʈ		k	
	<u>aspirated</u>	p ^h	t ^h	ʈ ^h		k ^h	
	<u>voiced</u>	b	d	ɖ		g	
<u>Affricate</u>	<u>voiceless</u>				tʃ		
	<u>aspirated</u>				tʃ ^h		
	<u>voiced</u>				dʒ		
<u>Fricative</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	f	s		ʃ	x	h
	<u>voiced</u>		z				
<u>Lateral</u>			l				
<u>Flap</u>			ɾ	ɽ			
<u>Approximant</u>					j	w	

Tone

Kundal Shahi, like many Dardic languages, has either phonemic tone or, as in Kundal Shahi, pitch accent.^[5] Words may have only one accented mora, which is associated with high pitch; the remaining mora have a default or low pitch.^[4]

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External links

- [ELAR archive of Documentation of the Kundal Shahi Language, Kundal Shahi, Pakistan \(http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0294\)](http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0294)
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